



# Council of the Cherokee Nation

Cherokee Nation Complex  
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## Tribal Council Minutes - Final TRIBAL COUNCIL

*Tina Glory-Jordan, Speaker*

*Recording Secretary, Shelli Brittain*

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Monday, March 10, 2014

6:00 PM

Council Chambers

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### CALL TO ORDER

Tina Glory-Jordan  
Speaker of the Council

**Speaker Glory Jordan called the meeting to order at 6:13 p.m.**

### INVOCATION

**Councilor Snell gave the invocation.**

### ROLL CALL

Shelli Brittain  
Legal & Legislative Coordinator

**Present** 17 - David Walkingstick; Lee Keener Jr.; Dick Lay; Jodie Fishinghawk; Janelle Fullbright; Cara Cowan Watts; Julia Coates; Tina Glory Jordan; Joe Byrd; David Thornton, Sr.; Frankie Hargis; Don Garvin; Curtis Snell; Janees Taylor; Harley Buzzard; Jack D. Baker and Victoria Vazquez

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

**Councilor Baker moved to approve the February 10th regular session minutes. Councilor Walkingstick seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

### STATE OF THE NATION

Bill John Baker  
Principal Chief

*Secretary of State, Chuck Hoskin, Jr. gave the State of the Nation in the absence of Chief Baker. He announced Chief Baker is in Oklahoma City visiting with State and Tribal leaders. Deputy Chief Crittenden is in Washington D. C. at NCAI. Over this past month Chief Baker signed an Executive Order increasing the Cherokee Nation minimum wage to \$9.50 per hour over the next two years. The ground has been broken on the expansion of the Wilma P. Mankiller Clinic in Stilwell. Last month we awarded \$3.4ml to ninety-one school districts from our car tag compact. Our credit rating has been upgraded to a triple-b thanks to the good stewardship of this body and the leadership of our Treasurer, Lacey Horn. The Cherokee Nation and the*

*Delaware Tribe have officially signed an agreement allowing the Delaware's to seek and receive federal housing funds directly from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Our Translation Department was recognized with Microsoft officials on the groundbreaking technical advances being made in the Cherokee Language Program. The Cherokee Nation Talking Leaves Job Corp received another five year contract from the U.S. Department of Labor to continue helping our students. The thirteen Remember the Removal Riders have been selected for this year's bike ride retracing the Trail of Tears. Cherokee Days are coming up soon at the National Museum of the American in Washington D.C. on April 2nd through the 5th. Secretary of State Hoskin, Jr. requested a moment of silence for those Cherokee citizens whom we have lost over the past month.*

#### CHEROKEE WARRIOR VETERAN AWARDS

S. Joe Crittenden  
Deputy Principal Chief

*Secretary of State Hoskin Jr. recognized veterans Author Carter, Paul Thomas Caskey Sr., and Debra Ann Crosslin.*

#### ACTION OF UNFINISHED BUSINESS

*None pending.*

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

Monthly Reports:

Housing Authority - Gary Cooper

*Mr. Cooper announced the next board meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 25th at 5:30. He commended the staff for their dedication during the bad weather. HUD has scheduled some Negotiated Rule Making again beginning next month. He provided an update on the College Housing Program and the Community Shield Homeowners Insurance Program.*

Cherokee Nation Business, LLC - Shawn Slaton

*Mr. Slaton reported on the December financial impact for the Nation. In addition to the net income they contributed \$253,000 in tax collections to the Nation. He provided an update on the health clinic projects and the Roland hotel and casino project. He announced they joined the Cherokee Nation in their efforts for Valentines for Veterans. A group of employees at CNI helped clean and replant the gardens at the Stilwell Public Library. Cherokee Nation Technology Solutions was awarded its first contract with the U.S. Marines. During Spring break he invited everyone to check out the museums where they will be hosting Children's' educational events with free admission. Current employment at CNB is 5,874 for all employees, 4,398 for CNB employees excluding the contract and temporary employees. The Cherokee percentage is 74.1 with other Native at 8.0 for a total of 82.1% Native American employment. Councilor Baker inquired if the board had considered increasing their minimum wage. Councilor Keener requested the job title be listed rather than the department on page 17 of the report provided. He also inquired about the funding amount for Macy's. Councilor Cowan Watts inquired about the MOA with Macy's.*

*She inquired if the compression issue would be looked at in regard to the minimum wage increase and requested a report back to the Council. She questioned if Mr. Strother is still in any capacity at CNB. Councilor Garvin suggested raising the food service employees wage even higher to maintain those employees. Councilor Lay requested clarification regarding a past statement of the Cherokee employment percentage dropping with the upcoming expansions.*

#### OLD BUSINESS

*None pending.*

#### NEW BUSINESS

##### Rules Committee

1. [14-017](#)      **A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF DAN CARTER, AS A BOARD MEMBER OF CHEROKEE NATION BUSINESSES, LLC**  
  
Councilor Thornton moved to approve. Councilor Garvin seconded the motion. The motion carried.  
  
Enactment No: R-019-14
  
2. [14-018](#)      **A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF TONYA ROZELL AS A BOARD MEMBER OF CHEROKEE NATION FOUNDATION**  
  
Councilor Byrd moved to approve. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried.  
  
Enactment No: R-020-14
  
3. [14-019](#)      **A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF JACQUIE ARCHAMBEAU AS A BOARD MEMBER OF CHEROKEE NATION COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION CORPORATION**  
  
Councilor Walkingstick moved to approve. Councilor Baker seconded the motion. The motion carried.  
  
Enactment No: R-021-14
  
4. [14-020](#)      **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE 2014 CTAS - COORDINATED TRIBAL ASSISTANCE SOLICITATION**  
  
Councilor Hargis moved to approve. Councilor Walkingstick seconded the motion. The motion carried.  
  
Enactment No: R-022-14
  
5. [14-023](#)      **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHEROKEE NATION TO ENCOURAGE THE UNITED NATIONS TO IMPLEMENT THE UNITED NATIONS DECLARATION ON THE RIGHTS OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES (UNDRIP)**

Councilor Vazquez moved to approve. Councilor Garvin seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Enactment No: R-023-14

6. [14-030](#)

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A SPECIAL GRANT APPLICATION TO THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE TRIBAL HERITAGE GRANT FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION FUNDING**

Councilor Vazquez moved to approve. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Enactment No: R-024-14

Executive and Finance Committee

AMEND THE AGENDA

Councilor Walkingstick moved to amend the agenda to include a Resolution pertaining to the Inter Tribal Buffalo Council. Councilor Cowan Watts seconded the motion. The motion carried.

7. [14-021](#)

**AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #22-13 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE CAPITAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014 - MOD 3; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

Councilor Fishinghawk moved to approve. Councilor Taylor seconded the motion. The motion carried by acclimation.

Enactment No: LA-05-14

8. [14-022](#)

**AN ACT AMENDING LEGISLATIVE ACT #21-13 AUTHORIZING THE COMPREHENSIVE OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014 - MOD 6; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

Councilor Fishinghawk moved to approve. Councilor Snell seconded the motion. The motion carried by acclimation.

Enactment No: LA-06-14

9. [14-032](#)

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A SPECIAL GRANT APPLICATION TO THE HERD DEVELOPMENT GRANT PROGRAM WITH THE INTER-TRIBAL BUFFALO COUNCIL**

Councilor Snell moved to approve. Councilor Hargis seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Enactment No: R-025-14

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Councilor Byrd recognized CNB board members Brent Taylor and Jerry Holderbee in attendance.*

*Councilor Fullbright recognized an At Large citizen in attendance.*

*Councilor Hargis congratulated the Stilwell High School boys basketball team and the Sequoyah boys and girls basketball teams for making it to the State playoffs.*

*Speaker Glory Jordan announced at the local premium livestock show held last week forty-seven of the seventy-five participants were Cherokee. Her granddaughter and grandson were the grand champions.*

#### ADJOURNMENT

**Councilor Walkingstick moved to adjourn. Councilor Cowan Watts seconded the motion. The motion carried at 6:59 p.m.**

Next Tribal Council meeting will be held on Monday, March 10th at 6:00 p.m. at the tribal headquarters, W.W. Keeler Complex.